

# CROW'S NEST



Selecting the rating badge for the cover was no easy task for us to do. There were a number to select from as interesting.

Chief Buglemaster (1927-1948), was selected finally and it is from Dave Sullivan, who by the way was in the U.S.M.C. and is a collector of both Marine and Navy insignia and has two very handsome showdogs who win many awards at dog shows as well!!!

Dave has an impressive collection of CPO rating badges too! These include U.S.C.G. badges.

John A. Stacey's book U.S. NAVY RATING BADGES, SPECIALTY MARKS & DISTINGUISHING MARKS: 1885-1982 illustrates and describes on page 24 the Buglemaster and Bugler badges in full details. He also uses footnotes to show regulations concerning when a rate was authorized, changed, or discontinued.

Note the unusual eagle on this badge and the workmanship that went into it. Its bugle is the best made I've seen! Chevrons and arc are gold lace, and the background is navy-blue wool.

I'd suspect the tongue is red and a eye of black thread? Am unable to determine if it has bright and dead silverwire on the eagle's wings? Oftentimes dull silverwire was used with bright silverwire to highlight a rating badge. Lower line-made rates express pride on the wearer's part as these were made in different quality, depending on whatever they were willing to invest to really look good!







# U.S. COAST GUARD



SHIELD

June 1942  
Source unknown?

## Insignia of Commissioned Officers

CAP DEVICE



Rear Admiral



Captain



Commander



Lieut. Commander



Lieutenant



Lieutenant (J.G.)



Ensign



Rear Admiral



Captain



Commander



Lieut. Commander



Lieutenant



Lieutenant (J.G.)



Ensign

SLEEVE MARKS

SHOULDER MARKS



Chief Warrant



Warrant

## Insignia of Chief Warrant, Warrant Officers and Cadets

CHIEF WARRANT AND WARRANT OFFICERS' CORPS DEVICES



Boatswains



Gunners



SHIELD



CAP DEVICE

Cadet

SHOULDER MARKS



Chief Warrant



Warrant

SLEEVE MARKS



Chief Warrant



Warrant



Electricians



Radio Electricians



Machinists



Carpenters



Pharmacists



Pay Clerks

SHOULDER MARKS



First Class Cadet



Second Class Cadet

SLEEVE MARKS



First Class Cadet



Second Class Cadet

## Insignia of Enlisted Men

PETTY OFFICERS' RATING BADGES



First Class



Second Class



Third Class

CAP DEVICE  
USCG  
Officers' Steward

CAP DEVICE



Surfman

CAP DEVICE



Chief Petty Officer



SHIELD



Chief

SPECIALTY MARKS



Signal Men



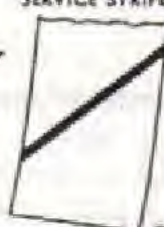
Aviation Machine's Mates



Aviation Metalsmiths



Aviation Pilots



Gunner's Mates



Carpenter's Mates



Commissary Stewards



Cooks, Ship's Stewards



Pharmacist's Mates



Yeomen



Quartermasters



Printers



Machinist's Mates, Water Tenders



Buglers



Bandmasters, Musicians



Radiomen



Electrician's Mates



Boatswain's Mates, Coxswains



Photographers

SERVICE STRIPES



ODDS 'N' ENDS CORNER:

Anyone's guess on the  
insignia shown here?!



Submitted  
by Howard  
L. Turk

also by  
Stephen  
D. Rohde

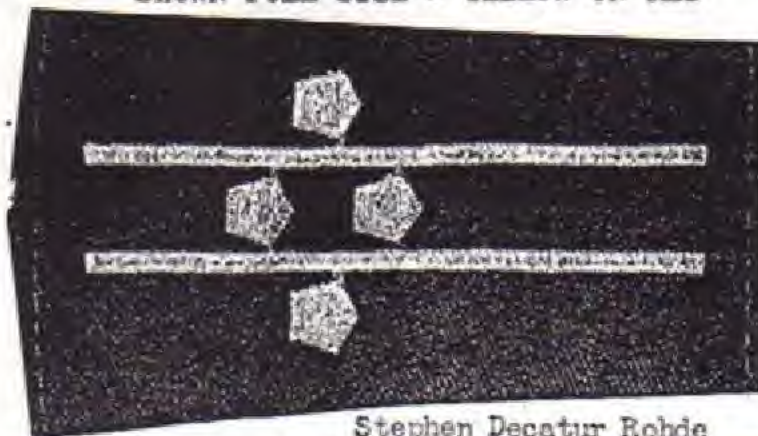




NAVAL AVIATION PILOT (CPO) 1924-1933:  
Blue on white with yellow mark. (DFS)



CAN YOU ID THIS SHOULDER LOOP?  
SHOWN FULL SIZE - YELLOW ON RED



Stephen Decatur Rohde



THESE PATCHES AND  
MORE AVAILABLE FROM  
B.C.PATCH



B.C.PATCH

5915 PATRICK HENRY DR.  
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78233





Dave Sullivan sent in this gem, said it is a Ship's Corporal, with a blue eagle and star and red chevrons which are on white. (1895)

# SPANISH NAVAL INSIGNIA

Received this from a reader in Spain. No description was sent with it, but it is easy to figure out the rates as they are almost universal in designs.





## FRENCH NAVAL INSIGNIA

A special thanks to Messieurs Pierre Nakman, Conservateur en Chef and R. Deutsche, Adjoint au Conservateur, Service Historique de la Marine à Toulon for their assistance which made this article possible.

### DESCRIPTION DES INSIGNES DES SOUS-MARINS:

Broche métallique ajourée comportant une rose des vents argentée, un sous-marin en métal doré, deux glaives entrecroisés à lame argentée et poignée dorée.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBMARINE INSIGNIA:

A metal badge with silver compass rose, gold submarine, and two crossed gold swords. This is not an exact translation, but will give the reader an idea of the badge's description and of course the two other badges have a single sword, and no sword. (BOC/PP - 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 1975 - N° 35.)

The badges below are: a) Aircraft Pilot b) Aircraft Crew.

Both have a circle of silver rope with silver anchors, with gold wing(s) and a gold star.

### ARMY/NAVY STORE DRESS CHEVRONS (1941-1947) U.S.M.C.

Gold on red felt,  
from the collection  
of Dave Sullivan.





FEDERAL RESERVE BANK NOTE



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TWO DOLLAR NATIONAL CURRENCY SERIES 1918  
 LARGE NOTES OF THIS SIZE WERE USED FROM 1861 TO 1928, THEN REDUCED TO PRESENT SIZE.  
 THIS NOTE WAS ISSUED FOR THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
 BY THE ACT OF 23 APRIL 1918. OF MILITARY INTEREST IS THE BATTLESHIP ON THE REVERSE.

AMERICAN BATTLESHIP U.S.S. NEW YORK BB 34 (TEXAS CLASS)

ORDERED: 1 MAY 1911 KEEL: 11 SEPT. 1911 LAUNCHED: 30 OCT. 1912 COM: 15 APRIL 1914

DIMENSIONS: 573' x 95' x 29' DISPLACEMENT: 27,000 TONS SPEED: 21 KNOTS

ARMAMENT: 10-14" 45 cal. (5 x 2) 16-5" 51 cal. 2-3" A.A. 4-21" T.T.

SERVICE: WWI-BRITISH GRAND FLEET, 6th BATTLE SQUADRON  
 WWII-ATLANTIC NORTH AFRICA IWO JIMA OKINAWA  
 USED AS A TARGET SHIP BIKINI A-BOMB TEST JULY 1946

S.D. Robble

DECOMMISSIONED: 29 AUGUST 1946, SUNK AS GUNNERY TARGET 8 JULY 1948 (36 YEARS SERVICE)



# U.S. NAVY ENLISTED SUBMARINE DISTINGUISHING MARKS



**USN ENLISTED SUBMARINE DISTINGUISHING MARK**  
SILVER BULLION WIRE ON NAVY BLUE WORN ON LOWER  
RIGHT ARM; LATER ABOVE THE LEFT BREAST POCKET.  
ABOLISHED 17 AUGUST 1950 WITH THE AUTHORIZATION  
OF THE SILVER METAL SUBMARINE QUAL BADGE. THE  
ABOVE IS A UNIQUE MANUFACTURER'S VARIATION.  
(REF. JOHN STACEY'S BOOK PAGE 70)



**KHAKI UNIFORM 1931-1950**



**GRAY UNIFORM 1943-1949**

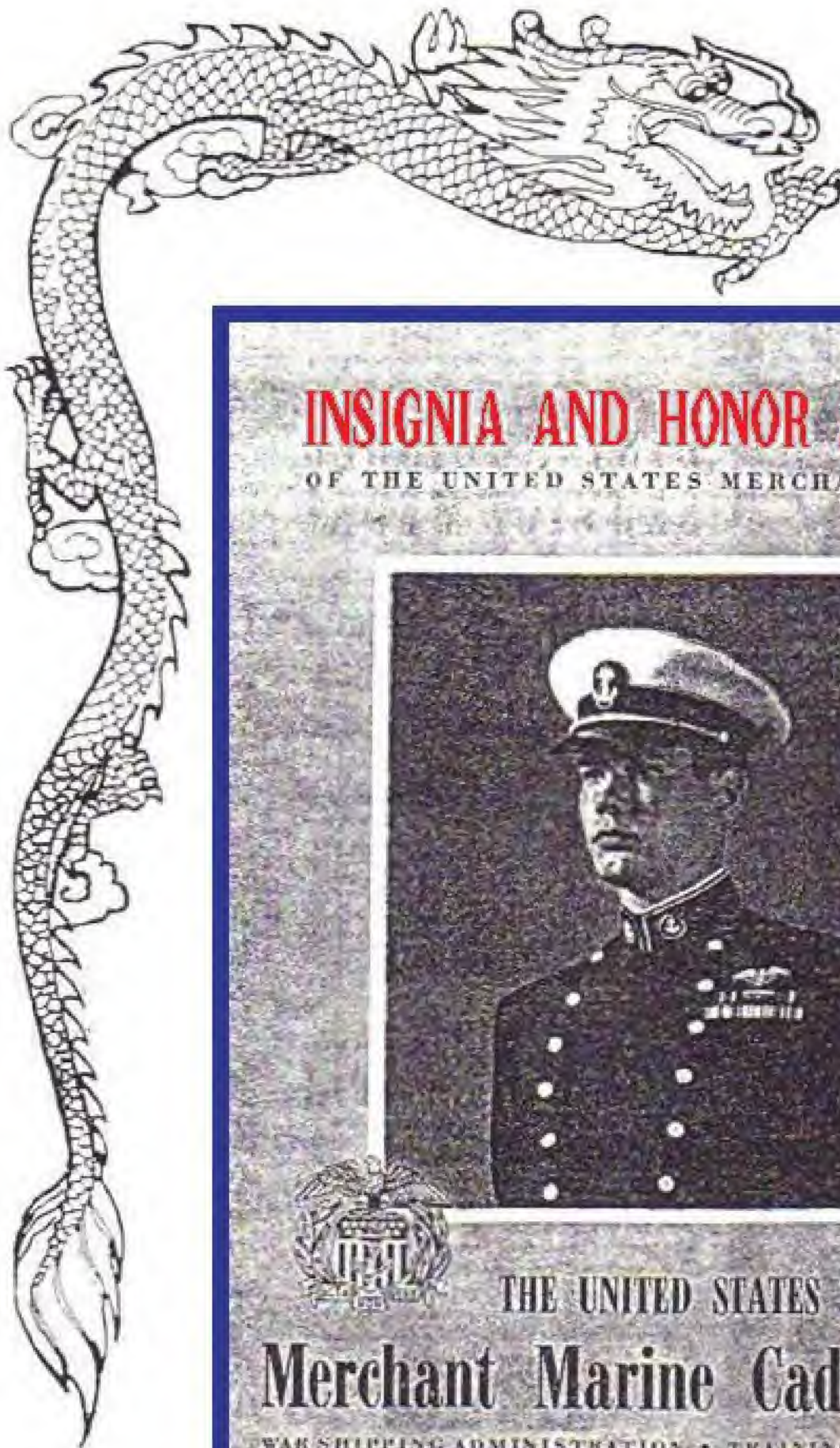


**WHITE UNIFORM TWO VARIATIONS 1924-1950**



**BLUE UNIFORM TWO VARIATIONS 1924-1950**





CLEMENT V. KELLY, JR.  
501 WEST 5TH AVENUE  
COVINGTON, LA. U.S.A. 70433

# INSIGNIA AND HONOR AWARDS

OF THE UNITED STATES MERCHANT MARINE



THE UNITED STATES  
**Merchant Marine Cadet Corps**

WAR SHIPPING ADMINISTRATION • TRAINING ORGANIZATION





POLISH NAVY  
DIVER 2nd CLASS

Larry Karadin sent us these photocopies:



(Great Britain) CPO & PO Stoker. Gold wire  
on blue.



(Great Britain) Stoker 2nd Class.  
Red on blue.

Larry has sent in a number of rates of other nations. Crow's Nest will publish more foreign rates as well as U.S. rates. All naval/Marine or Coast Guard insignia is relevant. Stephen Decatur has also sent us an assortment of illustrations, we are grateful to him as well as others.

Serge



(Japan) Landing  
Seaman. Cherry  
Blossom is purple  
for Engineering,  
Construction and  
Repair. Yellow-gold  
on blue.



(Japan) Superior  
Seaman. Yellow-gold  
on blue. Cherry  
Blossom is white  
for Paymaster.



# **HULL MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN 3rd CLASS**

FOREIGN MADE PETTY OFFICER RATING BADGE

NOTE THAT A MAN'S SILK TIE WAS USED FOR THE BACKING.



Stephen Decatur Achle

Bill said this patch has a gold rim and anchor, with white letters on blue back ground, can anyone I.D.?



Bill Murphy sent this in for someone to identify. A khaki background with blue "O.C."



Bill also sent us this rank mark (shoulder board) for a member of the U.S.P.H.S. It is for a chief warrant, but what specialty is it for???





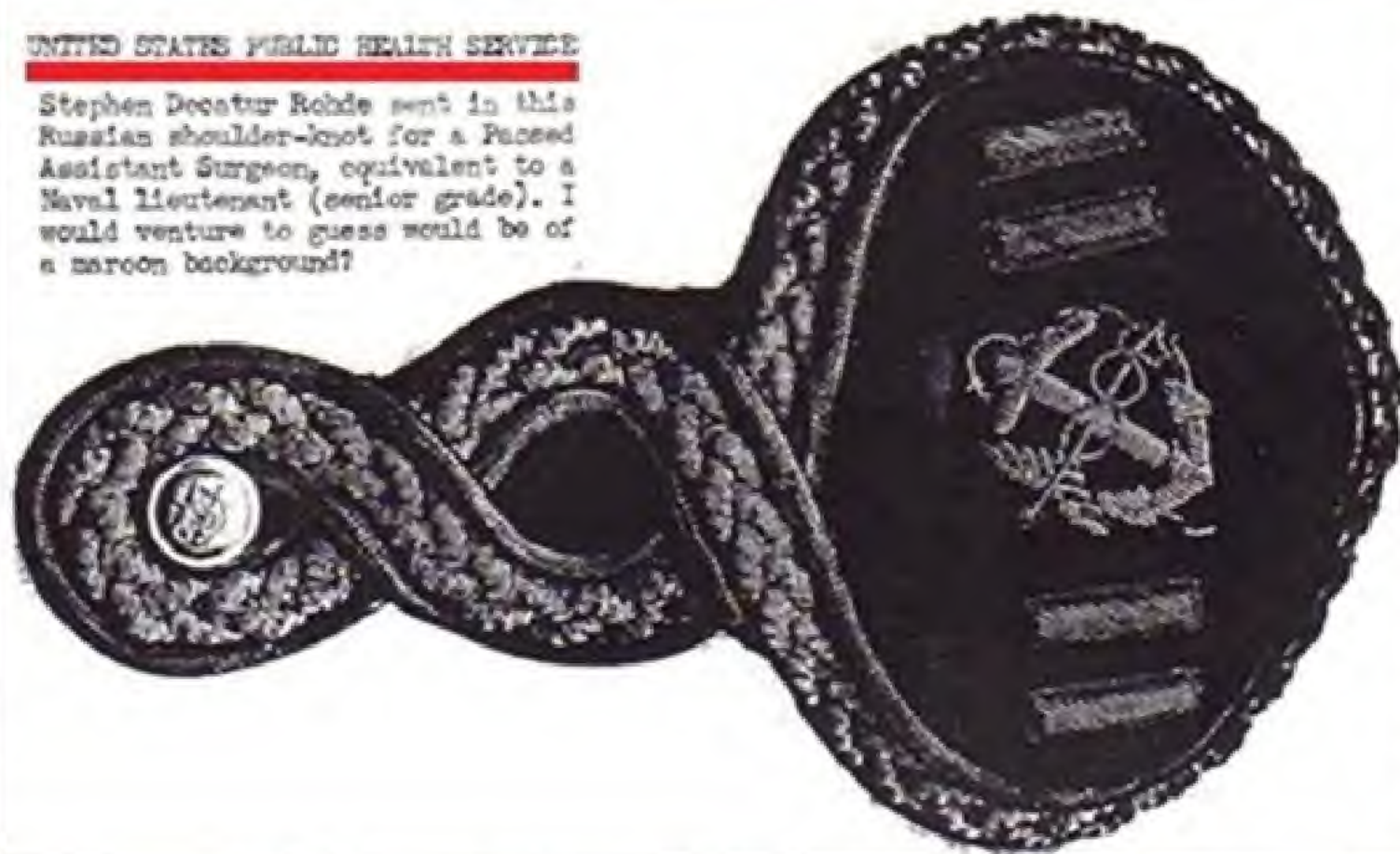
## WISCONSIN HIGH-INDEX

Stephen Donatur Mohde photocopied this banknote that has an air force/military/naval theme, issued in WW2 by the Dutch. Printed by the American Bank Note Company, this is also a valued collectible and no collection on WW2 insignia should be without it! There are a number of other banknotes and postage stamps with a military/naval theme on soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and coast guardsmen as well as insignia and medals, foreign and domestic. One can even enlarge these banknotes to poster sizes in full colour to display on their den walls along with WW2 military posters.



## UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

Stephen Decatur Rohde sent in this Russian shoulder-knot for a Passed Assistant Surgeon, equivalent to a Naval Lieutenant (senior grade). I would venture to guess would be of a paroon background?





**YEOMAN (YM) THIRD CLASS**



**TELEMAN (TE) THIRD CLASS  
MERGED INTO YEOMAN AND  
RADIOMAN IN 1956**



**U.S. NAVY ENLISTED WAVE RATINGS  
FOR GRAY STRIPED SEERSUCKER DRESS**

**PRINTER (PI) SECOND CLASS  
MERGED INTO LITHOGRAPHER IN 1955**



**AVIATION PHOTOGRAPHER'S MATE  
(AF) FIRST CLASS**





**U.S. NAVY ENLISTED WAVE RATINGS  
FOR GRAY STRIPED SEERSUCKER DRESS**

**AIRMAN (AM) NON RATED**

NOTE MANUFACTURER'S ERROR -  
BACKGROUND STRIPES ARE HORIZONTAL  
NOT VERTICAL



**SEAMAN (SN) NON RATED**



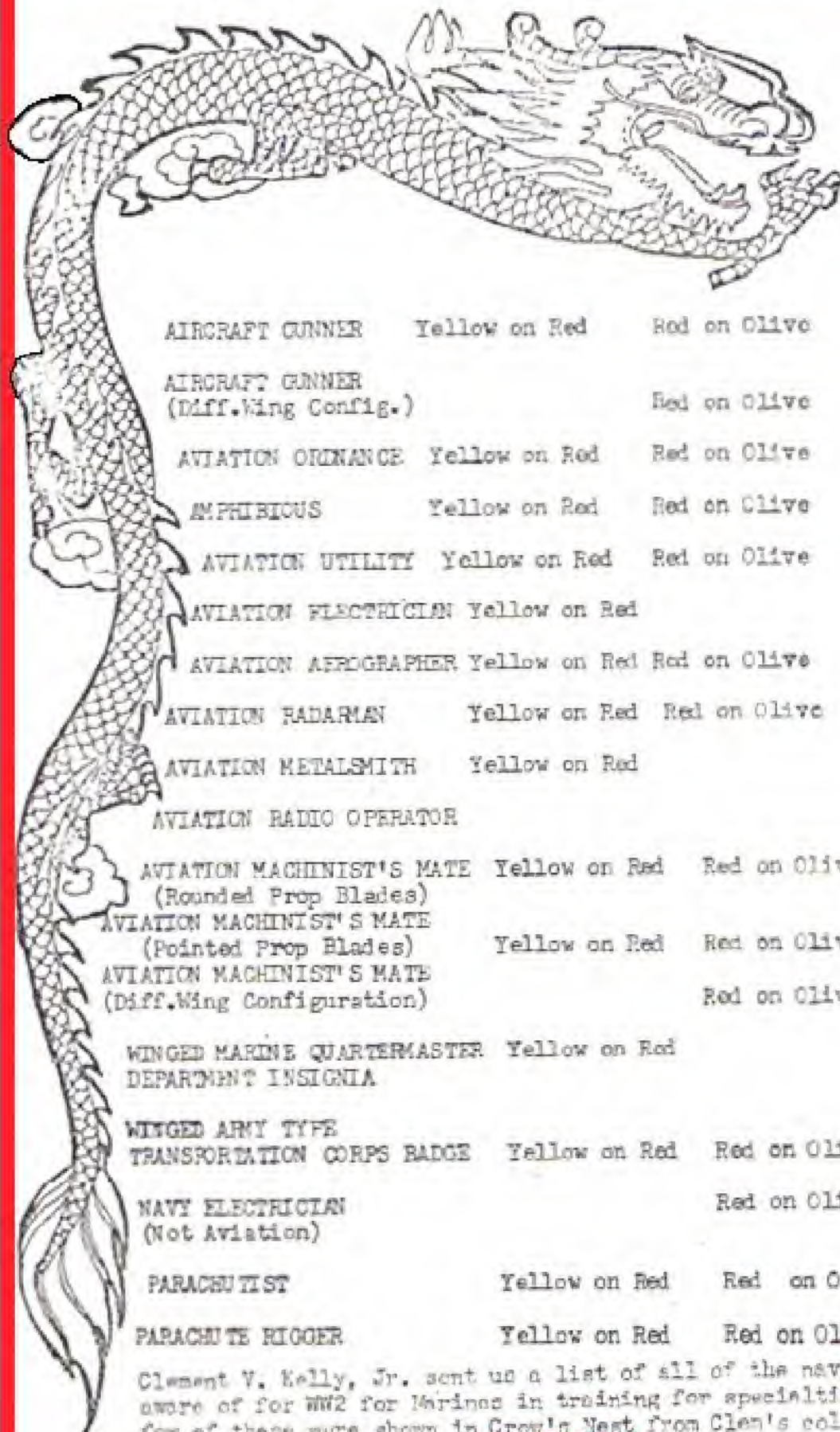
**RADIOMAN (RM) SECOND CLASS**



**AEROGRAPHER'S MATE (AG) THIRD CLASS**







AIRCRAFT GUNNER	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	Green on Khaki
AIRCRAFT GUNNER (Diff.Wing Config.)		Red on Olive	
AVIATION ORNANCE	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	Green on Khaki
AMPHIBIOUS	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	Green on Khaki
AVIATION UTILITY	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	
AVIATION ELECTRICIAN	Yellow on Red		Green on Khaki
AVIATION AEROGRAPHER	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	
AVIATION RADARMAN	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	
AVIATION METALSMITH	Yellow on Red		
AVIATION RADIO OPERATOR			Green on Khaki
AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE (Rounded Prop Blades)	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	
AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE (Pointed Prop Blades)	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	
AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE (Diff.Wing Configuration)		Red on Olive	
WINGED MARINE QUARTERMASTER DEPARTMENT INSIGNIA	Yellow on Red		Green on Khaki
WINGED ARMY TYPE TRANSPORTATION CORPS BADGE	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	
NAVY ELECTRICIAN (Not Aviation)		Red on Olive	
PARACHUTIST	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	Green on Khaki
PARACHUTE RIGGER	Yellow on Red	Red on Olive	Green on Khaki

Clement V. Kelly, Jr. sent us a list of all of the navy type USMC badges he is aware of for WW2 for Marines in training for specialties with the U.S. Navy. A few of these were shown in Crow's Nest from Glen's collection as well as those from Dave Sullivan, a former-Marine. Further information on this is welcome!

Sarge



CAN ANYONE ID THESE?



NAVY BLUE EMBROIDERED  
CHEVRONS & ANCHOR ON  
WHITE CANVAS



NAVY BLUE EMBROIDERED  
CHEVRON & STAR ON KHAKI

S.D. Robide

POST SCRIPT: I had  
one of these that I  
got from Pakistan a  
few years ago also.  
Mine had a red back  
and black-paper for  
the backing. Sarge



1863-1915



CAN ANYONE ID THIS?

HEAVY GOLD BULLION  
EMBROIDERED ON BLACK WOOL  
GLUED BLUE PAPER BACK



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NATIONALIST CHINESE MARINE CORPS



MARINE  
STAFF SERGEANT



YELLOW BARS & CHEVRONS  
ON RED BACKGROUND

RED BARS & CHEVRONS  
ON YELLOW BACKGROUND

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